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Title: PIPE WITH COUPLING CONFORMING TO PIPE DIAMETER

Enclosed are:

- ☒ (x) 6 sheet(s) of drawings.
- ☒ (x) Petition, Declaration, Specification
- ☐ () Assignment of invention to
- ☒ (x) A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 37 C.F.R. 1.27

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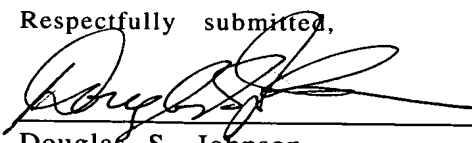
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(37 CFR 1.27)

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